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Edith Herbert, a resident at Shafto House, celebrated her 100th Birthday on 19th

May. Born in Hunwick she lived in Coundon before moving to Newton Aycliffe. Edith has three children, six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She is shown here with the new Town Mayor Val Raw who called to congratulate Edith on behalf of the townspeople.

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“But I’m proud to be an adopted Newtonian.” said Jackie born and bred in Greenock where he was a joiner in the shipyards with Billy Connolly. Jackie moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1972 and worked for, Aycliffe Development Corporation, before retiring in 1991.

Married to Norah, Jackie spent some time on holiday in the area before settling down in Newton Aycliffe and eventually becoming a Sedgefield Borough Councillor in 1999.

“This is now home and always will be. I had a good look around when I was here and decided that this was the place for me,” said 71-year-old Cllr Piggott. Family from Scotland along with children Carol, Stuart, Brian and Linda were present at the Sedgefield Borough Council Offices to see Jackie sworn in as Mayor and replace Cllr Marie Predki. Cllr Predki’s chosen charity was the Butterwick Hospice in Bishop Auckland and she presented a cheque to Chief Executive Graham Leggett-Chidgey for £14,915.

During the last year, Cllr Piggott had major heart surgery and underwent a triple heart bypass. And, as a way of saying thank you, he has chosen two charities close to him that will benefit from his year in office - the cardiac unit of the James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough and the North East Air Ambulance Service.

“It’s thanks to these two organisations that I am enjoying a new lease of life. Hopefully, the money that my charities raise over the next 12 months can go towards helping other people,” said Jackie. Cllr Lucy Hovvels, who has represented the New Trimdon & Trimdon Grange Ward with such distinction, is the new Deputy Mayor.

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The following article appeared in a recent edition of the Wall Street Journal, Newton News would like to reproduce this story to emphasise the good work Rotary clubs around the world are doing to improve humanity

Polio and Rotary

Tuesday 12th April, 2005

"Today marks the 50th anniversary of the Salk polio vaccine. Poliomyelitis, also known as infantile paralysis, used to be one of childhood's most feared diseases. A few years after Dr. Jonas Salk announced his vaccine on April 12, 1955, nearly every child in the U.S. was protected. Today polio has disappeared from the Americas, Europe and the Western Pacific and is nearly gone from the rest of the world. A too little known part of this feat is the role played by Rotary, the international businessman's club, which 20 years ago adopted the goal of wiping out the disease. Rotary understood that medical breakthroughs are worthless unless people aren't afraid to immunize their children and efficient delivery systems exist to get the vaccine to them. And so it mobilized its members in 30,100 clubs in 166 countries to make it happen. In 1985, when Rotary launched its eradication program, there were an estimated 350,000 new cases of polio in 125 countries. Last year, 1,263 cases were reported. More than one million Rotary members have volunteered their time or donated money to immunize two billion children in 122 countries. In 1988, Rotary money and its example were the catalyst for a global eradication drive joined by the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. In 2000 Rotary teamed up with the United Nations Foundation to raise \$100 million in private money for the program. By the time the world is certified as polio-free (probably in 2008) Rotary will have contributed \$600 million to its eradication effort. An economist of our acquaintance calls Rotary's effort the most successful private health-care initiative ever. A vaccine-company CEO recently volunteered to us that the work of Rotary and the Gates Foundation, both private groups, has been more effective than any government in promoting vaccines to save lives. It's become fashionable in some quarters to deride civic volunteerism, but Rotary's unsung polio effort deserves the Nobel Peace Prize."

FOOTBALL FOR GIRLS

Under 13's

This weekend the girls had an important game against Cleveland Hall knowing a win would see them winning their group before heading into the KO stage of the competition.

The girls dominated the first half with Roxanne Sams only in action to tip a long range shot over the bar. Goals from Robyn Molloy and Alex Jackson saw half time 2-0. A swift start to the second half added goals from Vicky Jackson and a second from Alex, however an injury to Charlotte Taylor changed the shape of the game and the opposition hit 3 quick goals but the girls hung on for a well deserved win 4-3 and win their group.

Under 12's

Two games for the girls this week as they continue to improve and also prepare for next season. Both games ended in defeat but as most games are against older girls they continue to impress the coaches who are confident that this experience will prove invaluable. The girls still remain in mid table of their group.

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Earlier Dave Bennett (34 runs) Karl Wheeler (31 runs), Chris Palmer (30 runs) and a crucial 15 from last man Finlay Elliott, all helped to push Aycliffe to 156 all out after 41 overs. In the third division, Aycliffe seconds were well beaten away at Hunwick by 7 wickets after being dismissed for just 52 runs from 29 overs, on a spiteful pitch.
Credit must go to Aycliffe's Mark Fawcett, who top scored with a gutsy 31 and seam bowler Roy Best, who made life very uncomfortable for the homeside batsmen, exploiting the unpredictable pitch well to finish with 3 for 21 from his 10 overs.

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Another windy day greeted the competitors in the Lombard Medal on Sunday 10th April. Steve Haslam showed everyone how to control the ball in high winds with a sparkling nett 70. Bob Marr took second on nett 71, and to add to his splendid weekend tally, David Kelly was third on nett 72.

Kevin Birchall's 35pts was enough to win the Mid-week Stableford, but he needed a countback to pip Wayne Brewer on the same points total. Gary Thompson took 3rd place with 33pts.

In the Ladies Section Lis Greenwell won the first Medal of the Season, the Kath Golightly Salver, with a nett 72, but she too needed a countback to beat Janice Blakey into second place. Ladies Vice-Captain Brid Keane was third with a nett 75.

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Thanks

HOWES The family of the late John Arthur wish to express their sincere thanks to relatives, neighbours and Dad's closest friends for the kindness and sympathy shown during their recent sad bereavement. Also for cards, letters of condolence, floral tributes and donations to Cancer Research. Special thanks to Doctor's and Nurses of Pease Way Surgery, Sedgefield Community Hospital, Butterwick and Sedgefield Hospices, British Legion and Fellowship and also Cooperative Funeral Service for a comforting Service and Funeral. **DAWN, PETER & SHANNON** would like to thank everyone for the presents received on the birth of their beautiful Daughter Lauren Jack McNay 9.05.05

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EMILY LONGSTAFF 29th May 2002. Precious memories of a dearest Mam. Always in my thoughts, Audrey xx **BRIAN TAYLOR** 2.6.04 Treasured memories of a dear Brother-in-law. Sadly missed. Love, Edna, Bob, Joyce and Ray xx **BILLY BURRELL** treasured memories of our dear Brother. Remembered always. God bless. Brother, Steve, Sisters Mena, Theresa and Sophia xx **RENEE INNERD** Mum it has been a year of sadness as you were took away. So sudden was the departure, I never thought I would feel again. I hope you are at peace and I hope we meet again sometime. You are always with me, no matter where I am. Your loving son Andrew, Daughter-in-law Julie and your dear Sister Madge xx. God bless. Brother, Steve, Sisters Mena, Theresa and Sophia xx **RENEE INNERD** Please watch over Andrew and Madge in this difficult time. Love and miss you, Helen xx. God bless. Brother, Steve, Sisters Mena, Theresa and Sophia xx **RENEE INNERD** Thinking of you always Renee. Love, Emma, Paul and Olivia xxx **EMILY LONGSTAFFA** dear Mam, Grandma and Great Grandma. Died 29.5.02 Thinking of you and missing you, on this day, and every day. Love from, Irene, Tony, Samantha, Jenna, Jade and Josh xx

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JAMIE GIBSON Happy 12th birthday to a lovely Son. Lots of love, Mam and Dad xxx **JAMIE GIBSON** Happy birthday Jamie, have a great day and hope you get everything you want. Can't wait for Spain. Love you big sister, Kirsty xxx **INGHAM** 29.5.05 Happy 10th birthday Jennifer Louise. All our love, Mam and Philii xxx **INGHAM** Happy 10th birthday Jennifer, you little terror. Lots of love, Lauren and Peter xxx **INGHAM** Jennifer 10 today, happy birthday. Love from, Grandma, Grandad and Uncle Peter xx **LITTLE** 31.5.05 Ian Happy birthday 18 today. Congratulations. Love, Helen, Philii, Jenny and Peter xxx **LITTLE IAN** Happy 18th birthday. Congratulations Sweetheart, all the love in the world. Love, Lauren xxx **FRANCESCA LOUISE JOHNSON** 31st May Happy 10th birthday. Daddy loves you and always will, don't let anyone tell you different. All my love, Daddy xxx **ABBIE RODGERS** Happy 1st birthday to a special Granddaughter. Lots of love, Nana, Grandad and lots of love from Uncle Kev xxx **ABBIE RODGERS** To a very special daughter on her 1st birthday. Lots and lots of love, Mammy and Daddy xxx **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Flat Battery (Rob Robinson) From, Steve, Lynn, Geoff and Tommy xxx **AMELIA OLSEN** 27th May. Happy 7th birthday Mim. Don't have too much mucky beer! Lots of love, Auntie Julie, Uncle Andy, Helen, Emma, Paul, Olivia, Kev and Claire xxx **DANNI KERR** Congratulations for coming first (twice) at the dance competition at Scarborough! Lots of love, Uncle Stu and Auntie Vicki **FRANCESCA LOUISE JOHNSON** 31.5.95 Happy birthday to a beautiful Daughter. Love you with all our hearts and more. Love, Mammy and Darran xxx **FRANCESCA LOUISE JOHNSON** 31.5.95 To our precious Granddaughter. Happy 10th birthday. Lots of love, Nana, Granda and Terri-ann. xx **LUKE HENRY** To our special Nephew/Cousin. Luke Henry happy 1st birthday. Lots of hugs and kisses, Auntie Manda, Uncle Mic, Charlotte and Danielle xxx **DANIELLE KERR** Well done for coming 1st at Scarborough and also first place in Paris with Becky Barber. Well Done! Mam, Dad, Charlotte, Nana and Grandad xxx

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Letter to the Editor

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Dear Sir,

I noticed with interest the picture you published of Reg Keys placards leaning up against the wall of J and C Coaches. I am intrigued as to how they got there, as they were certainly not put there by any of Reg's team. In the days after the election several of the team went out and collected dozens of placards, getting soaking wet in the process. One of my colleagues then noticed the Council picking up Conservative placards. Given that the Council would presumably not discriminate between parties, it seems safe to assume that they also picked up the remaining Reg Keys placards before we could get to them. Whether this has anything to do with them ending up outside J and C Coaches we can only surmise.

I'm sure Neville Jones will agree that the Reg Keys campaign was conducted with dignity and gravitas - the world's media certainly seemed to think so and flocked to Newton Aycliffe from several continents. I can commiserate with Mr Jones that because of the election campaign some of the Reg Keys placards mysteriously ended up on his doorstep; I am proud, however, that we helped to place the far more disturbing and dangerous detritus of the Iraq war itself on Mr Blair's campaign.

Jane Mayes, Press Officer

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Syd Stephenson (centre) with his wife Peggy after a presentation to commemorate his 36 years with Tolwoods at Aycliffe Industrial Park. The whole staff including former Chairman Jim Briggs, met in the works canteen to pay tribute to Syd's service as a Setter, Team Leader and specialist product re-worker. Steve Joyce thanked Syd for his valued contribution to the Company and for his many years of loyal service. Syd received a Digital Camera, Portable T.V. and gifts from his work colleagues including a special gold plated component to remind him of his time with Tolwoods. Syd and Peggy enjoy Caravanning, walking and intend to buy a dog to ensure they keep fit in their retirement.

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL'S NEW LOOK WEBSITE TAKES OFF



Chief Executive of Sedgefield Borough Council and Siobhan Walsh, the Borough's E - Government Manager launch the new website

It's all systems go at Green Lane where Sedgefield Borough Council today launched its new look website - www.sedgefield.gov.uk The major benefits of the state-of-the-art APLAWS+ Content Management System is that it simplifies the presentation of departmental information, is clearer to navigate and is easier for disabled users to access.

What is unique about the APLAWS+ Content Management System is that it has been designed by Local Authorities for Local Authorities and it will help the Council move towards providing self-service over the web. This is particularly beneficial to the Borough Council's service departments who can now provide web-based community and service information for themselves without having to depend on the Council's IT department. Siobhan Walsh, Sedgefield Borough Council's E-Government Manager has spearheaded the introduction of the new system.

"The new website is presented in a way that is easy for the public to view and use. We believe it is much easier to access and special emphasis has been placed on assisting the disabled.

"Individual departments have more input to the content on the website relating to their particular department.

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Mad Prof Visits Woodham Tech

During April over 230 Year 4 pupils descended on Woodham Community Technology College for an afternoon of entertainment and fun with a scientific theme – a visit from the “Mad Professor”, Dr. John Kilcoyne from the University of Sunderland. Pupils from Woodham’s local family of primary schools were invited along to participate in a joint activity. Schools taking part included Stephenson Way Primary, Vane Road Primary, Sugar Hill Primary, Woodham Burn Juniors and Aycliffe Village Primary. The afternoon began with a “warm up” act from Mr. Byrne, Physics teacher at Woodham who kept the earlier arrivals amused whilst the buses collected pupils and staff from the other schools. Then it was time for the Mad Professor, accompanied by his assistant who entertained the audience with a series of madcap scientific demonstrations. The main hall was filled with smoke and smells as the Professor crashed and banged his way through the afternoon much to the delight of the audience. Following the presentation, it was time for the visitors to have a well-deserved drink and a chocolate biscuit before heading off back to the primary schools.



Christian Aid Week

Anyone who has not had their envelope collected during Christian Aid Week will still be able to make their contributions by taking the envelope to any of the C of E, Methodist Churches or RC Churches in Newton Aycliffe or Aycliffe Village C of E Church. Envelopes can be handed in to the Manse, Presbytery of St Clares Church or Office. Post them through the letterboxes or take them to the Churches at Service time. The money will be put towards the final total of Churches Together in Great Aycliffe. Thank you, Terry Anderson

Shafto’s Relaunch

It was a warm evening on 17th May when companies, business leaders, council representatives and the media joined with staff and management to celebrate the re-launch of the family pub-restaurant, Shafto’s Inn & Restaurant, Whitworth Hall Country Park, near Spennymoor. Jonathan Bowmer, Manager of Shafto’s Inn commented: “We have been overwhelmed by the support and positive feedback from businesses and the media. This is great testimony that after all the recent changes Shafto’s offers something really new, different and well-received. We look forward to welcoming our new and existing customers throughout the

coming months.” Visitors sampled the new range of wines now stocked by Shafto’s before tucking into a complimentary buffet of dishes from the new menu and salad bar “seven nations: one restaurant: shafto’s inn”. Standing in Whitworth Hall Country Park, open for visitors to hand feed its two herds of deer, Shafto’s comes into its own for summer time trips to eat out, and even informal business lunches. To book call 01388 819 737.

ELECTION THANKS

Dear Sir I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents in the West Ward and Simpature for supporting me in the County Council Elections. Although not elected, the 956 votes cast for me shows that people appreciate the hard work I have put into the West Ward over the last two years. My reward is the appreciation shown by the voting public, and of course I will continue to help and support the residents in the West Ward as your Borough Councillor. I wish to thank you all for your confidence in me. Councillor, Enid Paylor

Student Provides Answer to Congestion



Dear Sir, My name is Tony Jackson and I am a Year 7 student at Woodham Community Technology College. I have become increasingly concerned about road safety and there seem to be lots of students arriving at and being collected from the college by car. I appreciate the fact that some students live out of the area but they come by school bus. There are lots of reasons why some students have to come by car. Maybe the students who live in Newton Aycliffe could consider coming into college by bike or by walking – it is good exercise for all of us and we shouldn’t depend on a lift to and from college every day. This would also cut down on traffic congestion around the college as there are residents living close by the college with cars of their own who need to park on the roads. Reducing the traffic at these times would also make it easier for the residents who are trying to get to work on a morning; it would also be more pleasant because of the reduction in traffic. I have made a short film about the project. My friend, Tim Gardiner has edited the film so that it can go on our college website. If you would like to see this film on the internet then please visit the college website at www.woodham.org.uk I would like to say a big thank you to Tim for helping me with this project, it is very much appreciated. Thank you to all the staff at Woodham Community Technology

College for helping me too.
 Tony Jackson

Residents Association A.G.M.

Williamfield Residents Association are to hold their **A.G.M** on **Wednesday 1st June in the Southerne Club, from 6.30pm.** All residents are invited and new members are always welcome. Please note nominations for positions of office on the committee and nominations for committee members must be passed onto the Secretary no later than **Sunday 29th May.** For further information contact the Secretary on **01325 314748 1.30pm-4.30pm only.**

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Motor cycles of all shapes and sizes continue to cause the people of Newton Aycliffe misery. As part of the Street Safe Scheme, Officers from the Beat Office in Newton Aycliffe aided by Durham Constabulary Motorbike Section will continue to target youths who are making local residents lives a misery. Little kids, teenagers and adults riding quad bikes and motor cycles all plague people when they ride off road and on public footpaths. A lot of it is down to ignorance, some people think that if they can find a plot of wasteland they can ride on it. This is not the case and unless you have permission from the land owner you can not ride on it. There are currently no areas of land in Newton Aycliffe that off road motorcycles or quad bikes can be ridden. If you ride any mechanically propelled vehicle on a road you are required to have a license, insurance and road tax. Also if you ride any mechanically propelled vehicle off road without permission of the land owner you commit the offence of driving without lawful authority and also could be driving in a careless/inconsiderate manner. We would also ask any members of the public who can identify any of the person's responsible for riding off road motorcycles in and around Newton Aycliffe to contact Acting Sergeant Simon Rogers at the Beat Office, Newton Aycliffe on 0845 60 60 365.

PARISH BLOSSOM


The Parish of Great Aycliffe and Chilton are holding a Flower Festival in St Clare's Church throughout the weekend of 10th till 12th June. The weekend will be launched with a Preview Evening on the 10th June at 7pm. Tickets cost £5.00, this includes admission, wine and small nibbles. Tickets are available from the Parish Office Monday - Thursday between 10am and 12 noon. You can also get them on a Saturday morning at St Clare's Coffee Morning. The Church will be open for viewing from 12 till 4 on the Saturday, when you can also enjoy afternoon tea, and again on the Saturday Evening when we are having an Evening of Celebration with The Weardale Sound Music Group. Tickets for this event will be £3.00 and include refreshments. The Church will be open again on the Sunday from 12 till 2.30. Please try to set aside some time over the weekend to help us celebrate the church's 50th Anniversary and remember the part it has played in many of our lives as we look to the future. Watch this space for further details.

Walk in the Park

Commencing Sunday 12th June 2005 10.30am to 3pm for Diabetes UK at Sedgefield Hardwick Hall Country Park. Entry forms are available from J. Short telephone 01325 312765 or e-mail joyce.short@care4free.net

NEW CAP MANAGER

The CAP Office based at CLC Newton Aycliffe has recently appointed Lynn Farrell as their new Centre Manager. Lynn has taken over from previous Manager Susan Sadler who has moved onto a new role within the Organisation. 'It is wonderful to be a part of the organisation and I am looking forward to helping people out of debt and poverty and seeing their lives changed'. Christians Against Poverty has been established for 8 yrs as a National debt counselling service. It now has 30 centres around the UK, employing 70 people and has helped over 7000 individuals. CLC Newton Aycliffe strongly believes in the ministry of CAP and looks forward to continuing to provide advice and practical assistance to people in difficult financial circumstances. If you would like more information or advice about CAP and how the organisation can help you please contact Lynn on 01325 316420 or email newtonaycliffe@CAPuk.org




WHAT A DRAW!

Anne Harland, Lynn Hodgson and the girls at The Salon would like to say a big thank you to everyone who gave so generously at the Easter Draw. A grand total of £292 was raised for the Children at the Butterwick Hospice, which cares for adults and young people with terminal illnesses. Of the total £159 was raised from the raffle and a further £76 from the beautiful hand crafted eggs donated by Mrs Jean Bland. £52 was raised from the lovely cards donated by Mrs Jessie Cairney and thanks to Lesley who gave £5 after the raffle closed. The winning numbers were 792, 81 and 760

Woodham Warriors Qualify For European Championships

As reigning UK champions, Woodham Community Technology College American Football Team, The Woodham Warriors had one last hurdle to get over in order to reach this year's European Schools American Football Championships. The Warriors had to play an international qualifying game against the Czech Republic to see which country would advance to Germany. The Czech team flew into Newcastle before playing the Warriors in front of their strong home support at the college fields. The game turned out to be somewhat one sided with Woodham displaying both great team strengths and some superb individual performances. The final score saw Woodham win comfortably to a 52-24 score line. Notable performances came from Quarterback Chris Barber who controlled the game and led his team to victory, Daniel Lerner who was untouchable to the Czech defence and Craig Tumelty who caught an outstanding catch which had been thrown the full length of the pitch. The team now go on to represent Great Britain in Düsseldorf, Germany for this year's European Championships where they will face the best 8 teams from Europe including Italy, Spain, Germany, France, Finland, Austria and Holland. Jon Tait, Head Coach of the Warriors and PE Teacher at the college said "The hard work, determination and commitment shown by all of the players is paying massive dividends. We are looking forward to testing ourselves against the best players and teams in Europe. We are now not only the best team in the UK, but one of the 8 best teams in Europe!" Danny Ketch, Assistant Coach of the Warriors and 6th form student at Woodham said "Personally, it has been a big thrill to be part of all of this, I am truly honoured to be travelling to Germany to represent my country". Well done everyone and we wish the team every success in Germany.





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